

WILDFLOWER SCAVENGER HUNT



Trillium - 3-petaled white flower with 3 large green leaves. Ants collect the seeds and transport them which scatters them in woods. It's also the provincial floral emblem.



Periwinkle - bluish-purple 5-petaled flower with glossy leaves. Ground covering plant with a rapid growth rate. It is considered an invasive species because it takes over and chokes out native plants



Bloodroot - large white flower wrapped by a large single leaf. Gets its name from the red juices in the underground stems. Usually grows in or on the edge of a forest.



Dutchman's Breeches - puffy white flowers that looks like pants hanging out to dry. It has feather like leaves and likes to grow in shady woodland areas



Ramps or Wild Leeks - large, broad leaves with dark red stems. Smells like an onion or garlic and is edible. Do not eat unless with an experienced forager



Trout Lily - check out the purple mottled leaves...what does it look like? A trout! The older the plant the more leaves it has. Young plants only have 1 leaf.

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Purple deadnettle - top leaves are “hairy” and purple in colour with small purple flowers. Check out the square stem! It is considered an invasive species which grows along roadsides and trails



Spring Beauty - usually only open on sunny days as they attract pollinators. Their roots can be cooked and eaten like potatoes. Do not eat unless with an experienced forager



Bellwort - tall, droopy flowers with, narrow yellow petals that look like they are twisted. They are shy looking flowers, hiding behind their leaves. They tend to group in clumps in the woods



Fiddlehead/Fern - the young tightly curled “fronds” of a fern are called fiddleheads and can be picked and eaten. Do not eat unless with an experienced forager



Mayapple - also called a Mandrake (Harry Potter anyone?). A very large umbrella like leaf under which a single flower and fruit grows. Do not eat please



Violet - common wildflower which grows in the woods and along streams. Has heart shaped leaves and blue-violet flower. Flowers can be used in salads and jellies. Please do not eat

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Jack-in-the-pulpit - has a large sheath-like leaf that wraps around the Jack and protects it with a "hood". Prevents the pollen from being washed away by rain. Is green when young and changes to a striped purple-brown colour as it matures



Wood Forget-Me-Not - small, delicate blue flowers which tend to grow in fields, meadows, roadside and forests edges. The flowers are edible and used in salads and as cake decoration. Do not eat unless with an experienced forager



Trillium - 3-petaled red/burgundy flower. Stands a little taller than a white trillium. Has a very short season in early spring while the trees have no leaves.